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a Lesson in the University of The New Covenant
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1. Think it not strange that fiery trials will come to test you. Trials of rejection, trials of confusion and misunderstanding, trials, challenges, hurts and things, stuff. Think it not strange. Life goes on and I go on and you go on. How you handle these things determine what you do next in Me. Life is life. Life is not all roses, not for anyone. I am Me and I choose to walk through life with My people, to give them life, to give you life, to give you joy and peace and happiness, even when life is full of surprises and trials and all the facets of life occur.

2. I love you Ted. I love you. I love you. You've paid a price for what you have and where you are. Don't blow it. Don't be focused on you and feelings of inadequacy, hurt or rejection. Focus on Me and you will not sink. You must keep your eyes on Me and emotions must be in your control. How many times lately have I told you to "be happy, for I have provided much?" I have Ted. I have. I have.

3. Now don't be puzzled about the events of the last few days or let them get you off course or deter you. Stay the course for the victor's crown. Strengthen yourself, strengthen yourself in Me. I have provided and I will provide and you need not worry or be discouraged. I have already warned you and prepared you for those that understand not your writings, your message, or your heart. I've spoken already about those things and people and situations and circumstance.

4. Ted, calm. Calm in Me. Calm. Peace to you. Peace to you. Let nothing or no one rob your peace. Let not confusion or people rob your peace. Let no misunderstanding or feelings of rejection rob your peace—the peace that I only can give you—that I only can impart and infuse into your emotions, your soul, your mind and intellect.

5. Ted, walk in Calm. Walk in peace. You must mature and not be robbed of who I am in you and what I'm doing in you by those who cannot detect Me in you and what you've written. You must be stronger. You must get stronger. You must grow and mature and strengthen yourself so you can strengthen others.

6. Count your blessings. Read what I have given you, spoken to you and provided for My people through you. Strength, solid strength, power, impregnable power and strength that goes forth for Me, unashamed and unreserved, with guts for Me. Walk forth, stand strong in who I am and that you know Me and that you are My vessel of honor for one reason only—you have cleansed, you have sought, you have let me know in tangible and intangible ways that you are Mine and that you are going all the way for Me. There is no turning back. **There is no turning back. You've tasted of what this world has to offer and you know My table is superior, superior, and you've made a choice.** Strength, honor and glory will come to you for you will give it all to Me.

7. Now these words, these words you feel were spoken and directed to you. Ted, forget them, forget them. Choose to forget them and let them take no root in you for I speak and My words must take root, deeper root in you, for those words are weak and must not grow in you. My words are true. My words are truth and you must keep your eyes, your heart, your focus on Me.

8. Let not your heart be troubled. Haven't I said that before, to you, to My people? There are so many peace robbers. People are so young, so young, so young and immature in Me. You have been also, but you made the choice to mature in Me and you paid a price to be where you are and have what you have.

9. Let no man take it from you—your confidence in Me, your confidence in Me. Build your confidence in Me and others confidence in Me. Confidence in Me and My sovereignty, My word, My words, and My words now to all who will listen and seek Me.

10. I will guide. I will provide. Obedience. Seek Me and obey and I will continue to write Me on you and come through you into your words and out of your lips and you will be strong for all of your strength is of Me, from Me, for Me, and you must never forget this.

11. I give for Me. I give for My Father. I give for His will to be done in His vessels. I give. I give. I love. I give. Ted, love, give, give love, love and give, give and love, give and love, love and give and laugh, love and laugh and let no one rob your peace.

12. Write more. Listen deeper. Tune out your feelings and simply come to Me. I will speak for I want to speak so much more. Your time is now. Your time is now and you are walking across that threshold that you have seen so often in your spirit. Cross the threshold Ted, cross it, cross it.

13. Ted, drink the cup, drink the cup of My suffering. Drink the cup of My sorrow and you will drink the cup of the Cross. You will drink the cup of My body and My blood and peace shall be yours for fulfillment of My design will be yours, in you, for you, to you, through you, all to Me, all to Me, all for Me, all in Me. Drink the cup and be not afraid or shrink back.

14. You must listen to those who dishonor you for you must honor them. I operate with honor but I operate in strength and I operate in peace and humility—humility beyond your grasp—humility beyond your imagination at this moment. But you will understand and grasp later as you mature, as you mature, as you mature and get stronger and not let words of others hurt you in your sensitivity, your sensitivity, your sensitivity to Me, and your sensitivity to them, and what they say, do, speak, imply, infer.

15. Ted, Me. Keep your eyes on Me and you will walk on the waters of adversity for all this is about Me. It's about Me and it's about you and it's about Me in you and it's about what you want, what you have sought for and what I have placed in you and now what is coming forth from you, from you, from you, to honor Me and set My people free—those that want to be free—those that know there's more and it's found in Me.

16. Ted, go and grow and mature and be joyous and happy for you are known by Me. You are known, you are My friend, My son, My soldier, My man among men. Now value your sensitive heart and never let it get in your way from its hurt at what others may do or say.

17. You know who you are and you know where you're going. I will guide. I will provide. I will strengthen. I will corroborate, validate, authenticate. I will promote and I will open the gates of brass to give you what you want—Me, love, and the fulfillment of knowing what great pleasure you truly bring Me.

18. Now go and grow and have lunch with your Mom, your Mom, your Mom who I honor, I recognize and speak of, and honor with tenderness and love and respect. I honor her. She is Mine. And oh, Ted, you will see—you will see one day how far reaching her ministry to Me has been—so far, so big, so much greater than eyes can see. Tell her, tell her, tell her she has pleased Me and thank her for every time she has called My name and sought Me on behalf of others. I love her. She is Mine and soon, soon Ted, I will manifest Myself in her and she shall see glory she has longed to see. Now tell her she makes great cornbread and if I were on earth in My physical body I would come to her house and have some.

19. I am so kind, so loving, so practical. Tell My church, My people all these things and let them know how you know Me and all that you know about Me and you will be pleased and I will be pleased.

20. Thank you Ted. Thank you for writing this. Send it out. Be transparent. Be fully and totally transparent with My people—My young, My old, My mature and My immature. Transparent—let them know you and let them know Me through you—your trials and defeats and victorious victories.

21. I love you Ted and thank you for your transparency with My people.

22. Now go and enjoy your cornbread and the time with your Mom and we shall talk more later.

Dad